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An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Fish and Wildlife Laws

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10351, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

2. Deputy game wardens. The commissioner may appoint, on a temporary basis, ~~assistant~~deputy game wardens.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10352, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 421, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Compensation. The compensation of the wardens appointed pursuant to section 10351, subsection 1 is determined under the Civil Service Law. ~~Assistant~~Deputy game wardens appointed pursuant to section 10351, subsection 2 are not entitled to compensation but, at the discretion of the Game Warden Colonel and approval of the commissioner, may be compensated for mandatory assignments and for attendance at mandatory training or other required meetings or classes and reimbursed for approved expenses.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11801, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

A. Employ the use of a dog or dogs in any manner while hunting wild turkeys except during the fall wild turkey hunting season;

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes hunters to use dogs to hunt wild turkey during the fall season. This bill also corrects references from assistant game wardens to deputy game wardens.